GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Food Testing Laboratories
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(a) whether reportedly 24 food testing laboratories are conducting test and analysis of food items of various companies without being accredited and notified with the Food Safety and
Standards Authority of India (FSSAI);

(b) if so, the details of those food testing laboratories; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to ensure that the food tested and analysed by these laboratories are not sold in the market?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)
(a) to (c): Presently, food samples are being tested in 166 Food Testing Laboratories as per following details:-

(i) 72 State/Public food laboratories functioning under the State/ Union Territory Government;
(ii) 12 Referral Laboratories notified by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India for referral testing; and
(iii) 82 National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accredited private laboratories notified by FSSAI.